

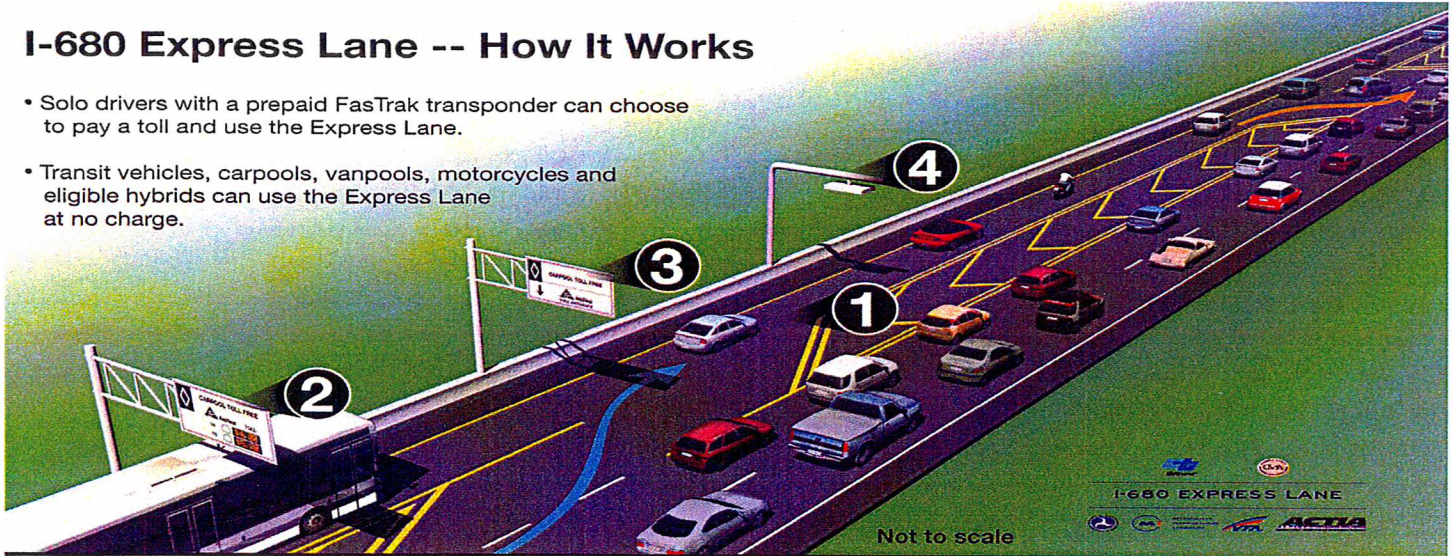


Transportation Update

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I-680 Express Lane -- How It Works

- Solo drivers with a prepaid FasTrak transponder can choose to pay a toll and use the Express Lane.
- Transit vehicles, carpools, vanpools, motorcycles and eligible hybrids can use the Express Lane at no charge.



Express Lane Coming to Sunol Grade

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 31, 2008 to celebrate the start of construction on the first high occupancy toll lane in the Bay Area. The project on I-680 will open a southbound Express Lane, a 14-mile High Occupancy Vehicle or HOV lane that will double as a toll lane. Solo drivers will have a choice of paying a toll electronically to gain entry to the HOV lane on southbound I-680. Carpools will continue to use the lane for free. This project is funded by many

sources, including Alameda County's Measure B and Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion Transportation Bond approved by voters in 2006. The estimated \$230 million cost includes widening the roadway, installing electronic toll equipment, safe entrance and exit points for toll lane users and auxiliary lanes, installation of electronic transportation management equipment, and the repaving of all the southbound lanes over the Sunol Grade from Highway 84 to Highway 237.

Quarterly Reports Available

At its October meeting, the CMA Board approved the following Quarterly Reports:

- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) At-Risk Report
- Federal Surface Transportation/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (STP/CMAQ) Program At-Risk Report
- CMA Exchange Program Status Report
- Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program At-Risk Report
- Transit Oriented Development Fund Monitoring Report

These reports are available on the CMA website: <http://www.acma.ca.gov/pages/FundIntro.aspx>

Webster Street SMART Corridor Management Project Implementation

The CMA, in collaboration with the City of Alameda and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), has initiated the Webster Street SMART Corridor Management Project. It is located at the west end of the City of Alameda along Webster Street corridor between the intersections of Central Avenue in Alameda and Harrison Street/7th Street in Oakland. The Project will enhance transit operations, congestion relief, emergency access, and traveler information by implementing improved traffic signal coordination, real time monitoring devices, signal priority for buses, signal pre-emption for emergency vehicles, and advanced communication systems. As part of this project a new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Webster Street.

Legislation

AC Transit Parcel Tax Increase—Measure VV

In the November election, the voters approved an increase in the existing AC Transit parcel tax of \$4 per month. This parcel tax will support operations and maintenance of its system in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Hayward, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro, San Pablo and certain unincorporated areas of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The CMA Board supported Measure VV.

Ribbon Cutting for Route 84 HOV and Groundbreaking for Ardenwood Park and Ride Expansion

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the CMA, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), AC Transit, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the City of Fremont held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the State Route 84 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension and a groundbreaking ceremony for the Ardenwood Park and Ride Expansion projects in the city of Fremont on October 17, 2008. The HOV extension project continues the HOV lane from Newark Boulevard back to I-880, a distance of approximately 1 mile, and provides an HOV bypass lane at the intersection of Decoto Road and I-880. The Ardenwood Park and Ride lot is located at the junction of State Highway 84 and Ardenwood Boulevard, on the border of the cities of Fremont and Newark. It serves a number of AC Transit Transbay lines as well as a number of DB (Dumbarton Bridge) lines. The expansion project will provide an additional 233 parking spaces, landscaping, lighting. A guard booth, and a new transit center including two bus bays, bus shelters, bicycle parking and driver restrooms. The existing park and ride lot has been filled to its capacity of just over 100 spaces for over 20 years, usually before 7 a.m. The expansion project will increase the lots capacity to about 350 spaces.

I-580 Tri-Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Improvements

At its October meeting the CMA Board authorized the execution of contracts with qualified consultants to prepare the HOT lane Traffic Revenue and Operation Analysis Report and Preliminary Engineering for the West-bound I-580 HOT project. The Traffic Revenue and Operation Analysis report will determine the benefits of converting the HOV lane to HOT lane. The HOT lane feasibility study begins in December 2008.

CMA Chair and Vice Chair Election

The CMA Board, at its September meeting, elected its new Chair and Vice Chair. Union City Mayor, Mark Green, was elected Chair and Alameda City Mayor, Beverly Johnson as Vice Chair.

CMA Board Retreat

The CMA Board will hold its Retreat on December 18, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the David I. Wendel Conference Center located at 1111 Broadway, 19th Floor, Oakland, California. The Retreat will focus on legislative advocacy and climate change.



Upcoming Meetings

November

- 4 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
- 10 CMA Administration and Legislation Committee
- 10 CMA Plans and Programs Committee
- 16-18 Self-Help Counties Coalition, Focus on the Future - Monterey Marriott/Portolla Hotel and Spa, Monterey, CA

December

- 11 CMA Board
- 10/11 CTC meeting - Oakland City Hall
- 18 CMA Board Retreat

Deadlines to Note

December 11, 2008 - Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for Information Technology Services (RFQ A08-029) are due to the CMA at 3:00 p.m.

December 17, 2008 - Measure B Bicycle/Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund Cycle 4 Grant Program applications are due to ACTIA at 3:00 p.m.

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